

Philad<sup>a</sup> May 6. 48.

Dear Dave

You wrote me last on Washington's birth day, without knowing that that day J. 2. Adams was dying, on the side the water; and that on the other side of it the trees of the Boulevard were hewing down and Louis Philippe scampering away to England. The Britannia had just come in announcing a new attempt of Kollin & Co. to upset Lamartine & Co. and establish either a Reign of Terror or of Fourier. The Danes have beaten the Germans; the Italians the Austrians again. Germany is in the wildest uproar, and Russia concentrating a force of 200,000 men upon her share of Poland. Navarre is playing Nero in Madrid. Fust and Cadwaladr are returning from Mexico; peace is so far off as ever; constitutionalism & lampoons are in vogue, and a minister of Christ in Valparaiso advocates the use of Cannon.

I am sorry you take middle ground in a question so vital to freedom as aggression war. First you say Mexico owes us & won't pay. Second Mexico meant to invade Texas. Third let us do evil that good may come of it.

I simply answer; Give to him that asketh of thee, & from him that asketh borrow of thee, turn not them away; Go not to law before unbelievers. Wars come because... 1. We desire to have & cannot (peaceably) obtain. &c. &c. 2. Defence may be proper, but let there first be an attack, and especially when a threatened attack has in any way been provoked, & especially again by a stronger towards a weaker.

3. Louis Philippe's fortifying Paris ~~was~~ just as bad an act now, that Paris is safe from foreign King, by it, as it was when she was subjected to himself by it. War is war & devils work whatever be the result; burn down your neighbor's house & you manure his ground for Corn. By it, but does he thank you or the law let you off on that plea?

You talk of the humanity of our soldiers. I saw some of them before they went, without lascivious demons who would &

Did, common murder & rape & robbery ad libitum.  
Make no excuses for any war. Christ forbids his disciples  
to take part in it or to know of others to do so. Your Chaplain  
friends are ignorant of true Christianity in its theory.

I rec<sup>d</sup>. two copies of a Neighbor Sep. & Oct. Nov. - Mr White  
received a letter 6 days later date than mine, & also two  
later nos. of a Neighbor. I greatly desire to assist you in  
filling its columns, but find it impossible.

In your letter to her you speak of coming home next  
year. I trust you will stay here when you come, unless you  
are already happier there than you could be in a residence  
in the States. I feel as if it would be impossible for me to  
continue in the ministry and would like to retain  
the church to which I go in Milton & give it up to you.  
The Presbytery here last week refused me a ~~paper~~ paper of  
dismission and withdrew my licence to preaching, because  
of holding & teaching doctrines at variance with the Presby-  
ch. & the Word of God. i.e. differing from them in my  
views of Christ, the duty of the Ministry, & especially of  
Inspiration. We had three meetings of Presby: & one  
of a committee; productive of nothing but zeal and  
earnest feelings. They consider me on the road to ruin  
and I them as children who will ~~not~~ <sup>never</sup> be beside. I  
may perhaps give a repetition of the sense  
of the Council at Milton. I find my position so  
uncomfortable & my profession so distasteful to me  
that I shall perhaps undertake myself to some honest  
handicraft.

Our friend I have seen very little of & will see  
still less, for I leave today for the Eastward. Mr  
White will not take a notice this year so as to per-  
mit himself to board with her sister in law - at

Frenton. Boston Cook has lost his lovely wife, deter-  
mined then to go to Europe & induce the Lord on Tract Soc.  
to establish Colportage, but has been deterred by the troubles.  
I live so little in the Theological world that I know  
nothing worth telling you. And altho' I write you longer  
letters than any body else, yet, I live so isolated &  
sad a life, that I have neither matter nor temper to  
fill <sup>up</sup> the sheet. Your memory is very dear to me &  
I send you the assurance of the truest love. I found you two  
days ago the likeness the other day, to my great satisfaction.  
Remember me in your prayers & believe me grateful  
for your letters. Ever yours  
Peter.

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Milton

May 25. I do not know when I shall have an opportunity  
to transmit this; I can however post up to the latest date &  
not say much in doing that, either. I have been preaching here  
without a license waiting for the meeting of some association to  
which I could present myself to receive one and be ordained.  
We cannot take place yet for three weeks and it seems, from  
conversations with others very doubtful whether I obtain one.

The news from France continues to absorb attention, and  
fill the world with rumour & prospect. The whole revolution  
seems to be going on in the most peaceable way and to promise  
the best results. Whether one president or three consuls or  
what order of gov. be proposed & adopted, it will likely  
be a good one and stand and prosper - I trust the best  
fruits will ripen on the tree of Liberty, however it be  
planted in Europe.

It is said that the intervention of  
 England has been accepted between Denmark and  
 Prussia, the one on behalf of the Northern League &  
 the other as representation of the German Confederacy. Such  
 intervention is the only possible means of saving Europe  
 from a universal war. Yet the plumes subdued in one hour  
 break out at another, and such is the state of Lombardy, with

Let the words of the poet be  
 here speaking of the early condition of human nature  
 in Ovid's & especially, Voltaire and Bayle that shall  
 when the human race first without effort & gate first  
 had upon the restoration of all things, so by the imperfect  
 in one action of it at least  
 beautiful poem before  
 some operations in  
 and on will

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its many colored army from all parts of Italy, that by  
 no possibility can resist to Italy except through the  
 instrument of Austria or a universal republican  
 emence headed by France & Savoy & stand by the Italian  
 Kingdoms. Sicily has ~~been~~ declared her independence.  
 All follow her example in Germany and before you  
 return you will see of a modern Charlemagne with his  
 iron crown and